

## HOME GARDENING INTEREST GROWS

Officials Say Movement Has Brought Unprecedented Demand for Advice.

### WATCH FOR THE BULLETINS

Owners of Vacant Lots Asked to File Permits

The Star desires to extend every assistance possible to those persons or organizations who intend taking part in the home and community garden movement. Many owners of vacant lots in this city, it is believed, would gladly lend such lots to organizations for cultivation during the summer. The Star invites such owners to file with The Star the location of lots they will lend free for this purpose. Names of such owners then will be turned over to persons or clubs, who may perfect arrangements by conference with the owners.

Practical information and advice regarding the planting and cultivation of such gardens may be had from the Department of Agriculture. Persons wishing bulletins on this subject mailed to them may obtain them by writing to The Star, stating the character of the information desired, and The Star will request that this information be sent by the department to such inquirers.

From every section of the city, from Georgetown and Tenleytown to Anacostia, and from 16th street northwest to outlying suburban sections, inquiries are coming to The Star office about planting and cultivating home gardens. Officials of the Department of Agriculture state the movement started by The Star for community and home gardening has brought an unprecedented demand for bulletins and advice from that department by persons and organizations which are going to take up the work this spring.

Wide discussion also has been started, these officials say, about the economic possibilities of the movement. In lunchrooms and in offices, and even in some of the exclusive clubs of Washington, persons are discussing whether a small home garden will pay dividends.

In answering that question one official of the department said:

"There is only one answer to the question: 'Does a home garden pay?' That answer is yes. But the question must be analyzed. The department has been avoiding trying to prove that a home garden is a financial bonanza. It is not."

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#### Begins Series of Bulletins.

In view of the wide demand for information about home garden making The Star today begins printing a series of bulletins, supplied by the Department of Agriculture, on garden making. Many of these are combinations of more complete bulletins which may be had from the department. But in themselves they will furnish an adequate guide, even for the most inexperienced amateur, for cultivating a home garden. The bulletins in this form are not available for each person, because of the limited supply. Therefore The Star advises those persons who contemplate cultivating a home garden to clip this series and saving them for reference.

In addition to these every amateur gardener should provide himself with a copy of that department classic on this subject known as "Farmer's Bulletin No. 245," and entitled "The Home Vegetable Garden." This is the most comprehensive bulletin on the subject issued, and is being supplied to those who have asked, through The Star, and directly to the department, for information about home garden making.

Especially gratifying has been the response to The Star's invitation to owners of vacant lots to lend them free to garden clubs. A number of replies to this invitation have been received by The Star, and those who have interested follow:

Mrs. Mary E. Evans, 1419 W street northwest, will lend a lot in Glen Echo Heights.

Anton Caspar, 821 8th street northeast, will lend six lots in Capitol Heights, Md.

H. Randall Webb offers lot 7, square 6, fronting on 23rd street northwest.

The "Thrift Land Company," Inc., 221 Southern building, has offered fifty building lots free, for gardening clubs, all located in the southeast.

Mrs. Corcoran Hill and the Messrs. Smith, 24 W street, have offered the "Smith farm," located across the Eastern

branch between Anacostia and Benning. This tract has 100 acres.

Other owners of land not under cultivation who wish to cooperate in this movement are invited to register their names and the land they will lend with The Star. Negotiations for the use of the land will be conducted between the owners and the persons desiring to cultivate the tracts.

Mrs. Lyman F. Kehler, directing the community center work at the Wilson Normal School, has been cooperating in the movement by forming a committee composed of representative real estate men and other citizens to foster this work.

Accept Committee Places.

She announced today that the following have accepted appointment on her central committee: Terrell & Little, Percy Russell, B. T. Webster, J. Preston Shannon, William F. Fude, Miss Susan B. Sipe, William B. Clouson, Dr. Lyman F. Kehler, John Randall, A. J. Driscoll, Dr. E. L. Thompson, J. Clinton Hatt, Charles S. Shreve, A. M. McGinn and T. A. Hunter.

Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter is organizing the work of the Home Achievement League, which will lay stress on the movement.

Mrs. Charles W. Wetmore is completing the board of governors who will direct the activities of the newly formed Capital Garden Club.

Mrs. Susan Red Rhodes, superintendent of municipal playgrounds, and assistants in her office are seeking to co-relate the work of various organizations, and are working out definite plans to make the playgrounds centers for the garden work.

ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGES GARDENING BY CHILDREN

Connecticut Avenue Citizens Meet and Appoint a Committee to Assist.

Home gardening by boys and girls will be encouraged by the Connecticut Avenue Citizens' Association. At a meeting of the association at the Army and Navy Preparatory School last evening a committee was appointed to consider the best means of encouraging gardening in the Connecticut Avenue section, and instructed to report a plan at an early date. It is expected that this action will probably result in the offering of prizes for the best garden work by boys and girls in that section.

The association instructed its delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Association to bring the attention of the federation to the recent increase in fire insurance rates, particularly on residential properties, in the District of Columbia, in some cases the increase amounting to more than 60 per cent. The federation will be asked to appoint a committee to investigate this matter.

By unanimous vote it was decided that the association would continue its efforts to secure the purchase for park and land adjoining for an addition to the bridge across Klingle valley. Further, the association will ask that these purchases be paid for entirely out of public funds, without assessment of benefits on adjoining properties. The co-operation of other citizens' associations in working for the adoption of this plan as a matter of policy throughout the District will be sought by the Connecticut Avenue Association.

The publicity committee reported that the first issue of the magazine established by the association, "The Fellow Citizen," had proved successful financially.

Plans for a Small Garden.

HOME GARDEN HINTS

How Variety of Vegetables Can Be Produced in Your Back Yard.

A little forethought will enable a comparatively small tract of land to supply the average family with fresh vegetables throughout the growing season, say specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture. Most owners of small gardens are content to raise a single crop on each plot of land at their disposal. It is quite possible, however, to grow two or three crops in one season, and if these are properly selected the home-grown produce will be both better and cheaper than any that can be purchased on the market.

Just what vegetables are to be grown depends, of course, upon the individual tastes of the family. In general it may be said, however, that the aim of the home gardener should be to raise vegetables in which freshness is an important quality. Peas and string or lima beans, for example, lose much if they are not cooked almost immediately after they are picked.

Specialties Are Suggested.

On the other hand, as good potatoes can be bought as can be grown. Moreover, they occupy a large area in proportion to their yield and consume, in a back yard or small garden, valuable space which could be put to much more profitable use. This is true also of corn, cucumbers, squashes, and melons. It also will pay the amateur gardener to grow certain specialties of which he may be fond, and which may be troublesome or expensive to purchase. Okra, for example, chives, and little beds of parsley, chives or other herbs take up very little room

and provide the housewife with little additions for her table which are most welcome if they can be picked at the right moment without trouble.

If the small garden plot, however, is to be made to bring the maximum returns in economy and pleasure to the owner every available foot of it must be made to work continuously. This can be accomplished only by careful planning, and it is recommended, therefore, that amateur gardeners draw up in advance a complete layout for their garden. A typical plan of this character is shown in the appended diagram. On the plan the gardener should indicate the date when each of his projected crops is to be planted. No more space should be allotted to each than is needed to furnish a sufficient quantity of the vegetable for the family consumption or for local sale.

Space for Later Crops.

In many cases, also, space should be left between the rows for the inter-planting of later crops and for easy cultivation. Plants which make a high growth and cause heavy shade should not be located where they will interfere with sun-loving small plants. Perennials, too, such as rhubarb and asparagus, which are not cultivated, should not be grown among plants which call for tillage.

If a garden is planned in this way the scheme carried out the plan should be kept for use the following year, with notes of the success or failure of the different items in it. For example: If too much or too little of any vegetable was grown this fact should be recorded. It is not desirable, however, to follow too closely the same plan in succeeding years. The same kind of vegetable should not be grown twice, if this can be avoided, in the same part of the garden.

A typical plan of this character is shown in the accompanying diagram was a city backyard 25 by 70 feet in dimensions. It happened to be bounded on two sides by a board fence, and this fact was taken advantage of to plant and train grape vines. Strawberry plants were set alongside of the flagstone walks and current bushes between the walks and the fence.

Vegetables Between Bushes.

In the space between the bushes and the strawberries low-growing vegetables, such as beans, peppers, eggplants and the like, were set out. In a space about twelve feet wide between the walks low-growing, quick-matur-

ing early vegetables were planted in such a way that later-maturing varieties could be put out at proper intervals between them. The early plantings consisted of radishes, early beets, lettuce, carrots and a few parsnips. The beets gave way later to a few late cabbage plants.

The sunniest portion of the yard was turned over to tomatoes, of which there were about a dozen plants trained to a single stem, and set about eighteen inches apart in each direction. Early and late peas were put out in the least sunny portion of the yard. Later, in the fall, spinach, kale and potato-onion sets were planted in order to produce a supply of green succulents for the winter and early spring.

CITES GREAT FOOD CRISIS.

Situation in Germany Revealed to Prussian Deputies.

THE HAGUE, via London, March 15.—After the debate in the Prussian house of deputies March 5 on the food crisis, Dr. Helm, leader of the Bavarian peasant party, published an article concerning the situation, from which the Vorwarts prints the following extracts:

"It is high time that the facts, which up to the present are known to but few of the uninitiated, should be published. It is better to tell the people the truth squarely than to continue to work on a system which has hopelessly broken down through its own faults. We must hold out 120 days longer until the new crops, but even if tomorrow brought 'hunger peace' we would be unable for months to get a pound more of bread grain owing to lack of tonnage and the world's crop failure."

"This must be told the people squarely and the ruthless measures must be

borne, whether they affect peasants and town dwellers, not only in Bavaria and South Germany, but also the Prussian agrarians."

Dr. Helm then attacks the "horrors" of the Prussian agrarians, instances their failure to observe the ordinance to surrender the barley crop of 1916, which, he says has not yet been done.

Noted German Flier Is Killed.

BERLIN, March 15, by wireless to Sayville.—Hans Vollenmeier, a prominent German aviator, has been killed by a fall during a trial flight. He was a brother of Dr. Karl Vollenmeier, the poet, several of whose plays have been produced in the United States.

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